

FRG AGENDA 02JUL2015

1. Opening Remarks (5 minutes)

- a. Commandant
- b. FRG Leader
- c. Senior Spouses

2. Special Guests (10 minutes)

3. Old business (15 minutes)

a. Review Last Meeting Minutes

i. N/A

b. Finance report

i. N/A

c. Committee Reports

i. AFRICOM OLYMPICS

1. As soon as the Soldiers are done with the games the activity will become available to the families
 - a. *In previous years, family members participated alongside service members- will this also be available this year? [AC seeking further information from POC SFC Miller.]*
2. The AFRICOM Olympics Committee has hired a professional face painter for the day
3. It is asked that each Directorate possibly join with another directorate to host either a craft or game of their choosing
4. The J-4 and J5 are hosting a cookie walk together.
5. I believe the J1/8 is hosting a table for Macaroni Necklaces
6. Please contact Robin Vechery or Jessica Wilson at the following emails if you have a game or craft your directorate would like to sponsor (Robin Vechery: weprazeHIM@aol.com) (Jessica Wilson: jessicawilson474@gmail.com)
7. Need to set a deadline date for ideas (LTC Alexander I will leave this up to you)
 - a. *Need deadline date*
8. Fundraising: In 2013 USO provided Free drinks and in 2014 Vendors sold drinks
 - a. If there is no else to provide or sell drinks that day then it would be a great opportunity for the FRG to sponsor a fundraiser. However if we would be in direct competition with other vendors then we should pass. Mrs. Rodriguez will handle coordination or organization of selling for the FRG if a fundraising opportunity is available.
 - b. We would like to sell the AFRICOM Pins at the Olympics
 - c. *J4 (Mindy Kovacich) offering to cook kimchi as a fundraiser*

ii. FACEBOOK

1. (Stacey Meyer) will be reaching out to John McCarthy for support.
2. We will have 3 pages:
 - a. AFRICOM Family Readiness [Official Page and it's open to the Public; will have this reviewed before going public]

- b. AFRICOM FRG's Closed Group page [AFRICOM Family Readiness and Community Information]
 - i. This page is solely for active members of the FRG and those active in their J-directorate
- c. AFRICOM Family and Spouse Sponsorship [Closed Group for people inbound]
 - i. These people will be verified with Laura
 - ii. Page is complete- hope to have it to her soon
 - iii. Will be sending a note to all those who were in attendance for Sponsorship training to help support this page. It will need 3-4 people who are knowledgeable in regards to the Stuttgart area, schools and also positive people who are happy to be assigned here! SO IMPORTANT. Please send anyone my way [Stacey Meyer] who is interested.

4. Upcoming Events (15 minutes)

- a. *AC to email calendar as PDF to FRG Email list so as to counter mass color-printing*
- b. Visits
- c. Annual Recognition Ceremony
- d. Right Arm Nights - Every Third Thursday
- e. 07AUG: AFRICOM Olympics
- f. First Fridays
 - i. 10 Jul (J1/8) (Note – 4th of July weekend, hence this one is on the following week)
 - ii. 14 Aug (J9) (Note – AFRICOM Olympics is 7Aug, hence this one is on the following week)
 - iii. 11 Sep (J7) (4 Sep is Labor Day weekend, this one may change due to it being 9/11)
 - iv. 2 Oct (J6)
 - v. 6 Nov (J5)
 - vi. 11 Dec (J9)- AFRICOM Tree Lighting/Holiday Party
- g. Hail/Farewell
 - i. 15 May (J3)
 - ii. 26 Jun (J2)
 - iii. 24 Jul (J1/8)
 - iv. 28 Aug (J9)
 - v. 25 Sep (J7)
 - vi. 16 Oct (J6)
 - vii. 20 Nov (J5)
 - viii. N/A for Dec (due to Holiday Party)
- h. FRG Welcome Events/Meet & Greet
 - i. *Requesting feedback on the following dates/time and location so that venues can be reserved*
 - ii. Date/Time/Location
 - 1. 23 Jul (Time?) (Location?)
 - 2. 20 Aug (Time?) (Location?)
 - 3. 17 Sep (Time?) (Location?)
 - iii. Refreshments per event
 - 1. To be provided by...?
- i. Fundraising
 - i. AFRICOM Christmas Ornament late fall as a fundraiser for the FRG

5. Discussion

- a. *Newcomer's packet and/or Facebook as medium for passing information regarding discovery of "hidden gems" in terms of travel, tourism, restaurants, etc.*
- b. *Spouse Sponsorship Training- Giovanni attended the EUCOM Family Readiness Forum and gained invaluable insight which might be beneficial for the Spouse Sponsorship Training program as a whole (good information/training to have/attend)*